(c) Yes, Sir. Some 28 countries have asked for technology from National Research Development Corporation. They are : Angola, Australia' Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, Egypt, Guyana, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mauritius, Malayasia, Nigeria, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Phillipines, Rwanda, Sri Lanka Syria, Senegal, Trinidad & Tobago, Tanzania, Togo, UAE, USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

(d) Facilities are provided in our Universities and Technical Institutions for the education and training of our Scientists and Technologists. These facilities are being improved and enlarged according to requirements. The University Grants Commission and the Technical Education Bureau of the Ministry of Human Resource Development continuously assess S&T manpower needs for emerging/frontier areas in various disciplines of S&T and have been taking steps of introducing, in some key areas, appropriate courses of study/training programmes/ research programmes. In addition some S&T Department and agencies are also organising short-time goal oriented training programmes to meet S&T manpower needs. A large number of fellowships are being offered by these agencies at both pre-doctoral and post doctoral levels in various S&T fields and funds are being provided for identified research schemes in various academic and research institutions of the country. Some S&T agencies are having joint programmes with some identified universities in teaching/training sectors.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया : सभापति महोदय... (**व्यवधान**)... मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि... (**व्यवधान**)... उनमें इंजीनियरों की संख्या कितनी है और साइंटिस्ट्स की संख्या कितनी है पब्लिक ... (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I want to tell the Telugu Desam... (*Interruptions*) Listen to me. (*Interruptions*) I am really surprised that Telugu Desam people.. (*Interruptions*) when I myself had not permitted Bhaskar Rao to use these tactics, you are using them. (*Interruptions*) I did not permit those tactics. I did not permit Bhaskar Rao. I will not permit you .... (*Interruptions*) I did not permit Bhaskar Rao to do this. Go and ask your leader. I did not permit Bhaskar Rao. And you know me. (*Interruptions*) you cannot do this. This was done by a lady MLA from Congress who was with Bhaskar Rao. But you are repeating the same. (*Interruptions*) you know my nature. All this choodi business was done...

श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी : आप रक्षा कीजिए... (**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : रक्षा करेंगे, पहले अपनी जगह जाइए । बदतमीजी से कुछ नहीं होता । मैं व्यवस्था दे रहा हूं ... (**व्यवधान**)... । भास्कर राव ने यह कहा था (**व्यवधान**)... you behave properly.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : What am I doing?

MR. CHAIRMAN : You are standing between me and those people . You cannot stand between me and the Minister. There are rules (*Interruptions*). Being a lady does not mean that you can do anything. Please behave. You are misbehaving. By coming here you are misbehaving. The Rules are very clear. यह जो आपकी बातें हैं, मेरे लिए नई नहीं है (**व्यवधान**)

Launching of ASLV

*445. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consi-

deration to launch ASLV with the help of West Germany ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA : I would like to ask the Minister...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : Sir,

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Mr. Chairman, Sir ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN :..

SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG : मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि यह जो आपका कार्यक्रम है उस कार्यक्रम पर सरकार ने ...(व्यवधान)...यह कार्यक्रम कब तक चलाया जाएगा और इसकी रूपरेखा क्या होगी और कितनी अवधि में इस कार्यक्रम को सम्पन्न करने की योजना है ?

ORAL ANSWER TO SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, the Short Notice Question by Mr. Bagrodia.

Use of the Jute Bags

*1. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :†
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a move to withdraw the mandatory use of jute bags; and

(b) if so, what will be its likely impact of the jute industry ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : ..(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Irrigation Projects of Karnataka

*442. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of irrigation projects

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†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Santosh Bagrodia.